

# VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund

Monthly Fact Sheet – December 2025



## Key Facts

<b>Launch Date:</b> 29.08.17		<b>Fund Size:</b> £98m
Price at 31.12.25 (12:00)	<b>Accumulation</b> 207.5990p	<b>Income</b> 172.6426p
Sedol	BF6X212	BF6X223
ISIN	GB00BF6X2124	GB00BF6X2231
<b>Annual Management Fee</b>		0.75%
<b>Ongoing Charges</b>		0.88%
<b>Minimum Investment</b>		£1,000
<b>Dilution Levy:</b> (effective 1 January 2026)		Purchases: 1.18% Redemptions: 0.85%
Dilution levy is updated monthly. For more information visit <a href="http://www.teviotpartners.com">www.teviotpartners.com</a>		

## Summary Investment Objective

The objective of the fund is to achieve a total return (of growth and income, after fees) greater than the Deutsche Numis Smaller Companies Index (including AIM but excluding Investment Companies).

## Fund Attributes

- ❖ A value investment style
- ❖ Small unit size of investment confers a significant advantage in an illiquid asset class
- ❖ Broad and diverse investment universe
- ❖ Invest in circa 1 in 7 companies of the available universe
- ❖ Active Share 81%
- ❖ Bottom up driven with an asset allocation overview

## Objectives and Investment Policy

The investment objective of the VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund is to achieve a total return (of growth and income, after fees) greater than the Benchmark Index over the long term. The Benchmark Index is the Deutsche Numis Smaller Companies Index (including AIM but excluding investment companies).

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing in a diversified portfolio of companies which shall primarily consist of small UK quoted companies. Small companies are those having a market capitalisation, at the time of purchase, equal to or lower than the largest company in the Deutsche Numis Smaller Companies Index (including AIM but excluding investment companies).

The Manager actively manages the portfolio in order to achieve the objective and will not be restricted in respect of investments by industrial sectors.

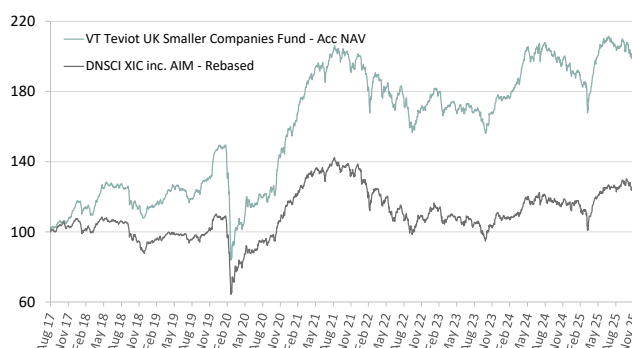
In addition to equities, the asset classes in which the Fund may invest includes transferable securities, units in collective investment schemes, money-market instruments, cash and near cash and deposits

The Fund will not invest in any immovable property or tangible movable property. The Fund may hold derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes. It is not intended that the use of derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes will increase the risk profile of the Sub-Fund. The Fund's base currency is Pounds Sterling.

If you hold income shares any income from the Fund may be paid out to you. If you hold accumulation shares, any income from the Fund will be re-invested to grow the value of your investment. You can buy and sell shares on any business day.

As indicated above, the Fund aims to achieve a total return over the longer term. Nevertheless capital is in fact at risk and there is no guarantee that a total return will be achieved over that specific, or any, time period. For full investment objectives and policy details, please refer to the Prospectus.

## Performance



Returns (%)	1 m	3 m	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Launch
The Fund	+2.0%	-0.2%	+6.3%	+20.0%	+34.4%	+107.6%
DnSCI (XIC) incl. AIM	+1.4%	+1.6%	+11.8%	+21.2%	+13.6%	+30.4%

## 12 months Discrete Returns (%) – To End Q4

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
The Fund	+6.3%	+9.7%	+2.9%	-13.3%	+29.1%
DnSCI (XIC) incl. AIM	+11.8%	+5.0%	+3.2%	-21.9%	+20.0%

Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance.  
Fund launched on 29 August 2017.

Fund performance is illustrated by the Accumulation Share Class NAV.  
Discrete performance is updated on a calendar quarter basis.

Quarterly Manager Commentary

The Fund produced a positive return in December 2025, both absolute (+2.0%) and relative to its benchmark index (DNSCI XIC inc. AIM), which rose 1.4%. For Q4 2025, the Fund return was -0.2%, which lagged behind its benchmark index, which rose 1.6%. The total return for the year was a pleasing 6.3%, but disappointingly this lagged the index (+11.8%). The longer-term performance remains excellent, both in absolute and relative terms.

Of the portfolio’s stocks, the biggest positive contributors to relative performance in the quarter were kitchen and bathroom products supplier Norcros; LED industrial lighting technology supplier Dialight; and electricity generator Drax. Norcros has delivered an impressively robust operating performance despite the macro pressures, yet remains undervalued in our opinion, trading on 9.6x current year PE. Dialight was a new investment during the year, a management turnaround proposition which we are excited by. With a tough economic backdrop for most industrial (and indeed consumer) suppliers, strong self-help dynamics are front and centre in our focus. Strong new management is reversing some poor practices from the past; profits are rising strongly (despite a weaker macro and weaker revenues), and the business is no longer in the financial distress it was in twelve months ago. Drax delivered strong results in 2025, and it remains strategically important for the UK’s electricity needs.

The portfolio stocks that contributed negatively to relative performance in the quarter were Rank, Card Factory and Alumasc. 2025 was somewhat of a roller-coaster for Rank, at first benefitting materially from government-sponsored changes to gaming machine legislation, but then being hit by raised taxes for online gambling. Card Factory suffered late in the year from weaker high street footfall which impacted spending on what is traditionally a resilient purchase. Alumasc had been a strong performer for some time, though it too finally began to suffer from the weaker macro. All three remain excellent value.

As mentioned, in absolute terms the Fund had a flat Q4 and a pleasing 2025. However, it was the relative performance that suffered. Much of that can be attributable to the commodity price bubble that has emerged, particularly around gold and silver that we did not own. The Precious Metals & Mining subsector was 1.9% of the benchmark index at the start of 2025, but ended 2025 at 5.3%. The Fund had no exposure. We invest with a Value style, often deploying mean-reversion techniques, and we seek to invest in proven, profitable and cash generative businesses, which means that we tend to avoid speculative exploration activity, preferring proven producers. The Fund did have good exposure to proven Industrial Miners that are producing and generating cash. Atalaya Mining was a strong contributor throughout 2025, benefitting from the rally in the copper price. and we have reduced the exposure accordingly. Consequently, stocks that the Fund did not own were costly - the largest detractor to relative performance in Q4 2025 was Greatland Resources (Australian gold), followed by Hochschild Mining (Peruvian silver) and Pan African Resources (South African gold). All three stocks are no longer in our benchmark Index for 2026 due to their enlarged market capitalisations.

The Fund has a portfolio of stocks on undemanding valuations that are not factoring in significant earnings growth, and many offer very handsome dividend yields that are well covered by earnings and/or net cash. A good proportion of these stocks are also conducting share buybacks, utilising the strength of their balance sheets – this will be to the benefit of remaining shareholders.

VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund		
Top 10 Holdings as at 31/12/25		
Holding	Sector	% of Portfolio
1. TP ICAP	Inter-dealer Broker & Data Provider	2.6
2. Premier Foods	Branded Food Producer	2.3
3. Mears	Property Management & Maintenance	2.3
4. Norcros	Kitchen & Bathroom Products	2.2
5. Wilmington	Information, Training & Education Solutions	2.2
6. Integrafin	Operator of the Transact Investment Platform	2.1
7. Kitwave	Independent Wholesaler	2.0
8. Jet2	Leisure Travel Group	1.9
9. Drax	Electricity Provider	1.9
10. Rathbones	Wealth Manager	1.9
Total		21.4

Market Cap Breakdown		
	% of Portfolio	No. of Stocks
Above £1bn	28.4	20
£500m - £1bn	17.3	16
£250m - £500m	23.1	17
£100m - £250m	19.6	19
Below £100m	9.3	20
Cash	2.3	
Total	100	92

Listing	%
Main	71.3
AIM	26.4
Cash	2.3

## Fund Managers



**Barney Randle,**  
Partner

Barney has a strong performance record managing the VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund since launch in August 2017. UK Smaller Companies has been his area of focus for over 25 years, initially advising investors and corporates on the sell side where he specialised in original and rigorous investment analysis, and where he developed a deep understanding of the implications of liquidity in an illiquid asset class.



**Dan Vaughan,**  
Partner

After graduating from Oxford University, Dan specialised in UK Smaller Companies in the mid-1990s at Aviva. He then spent 13 years managing UK Smaller Companies pension and life funds at Colombia Threadneedle, of which the final 7 years were as Head of Team. Dan joined Teviot in May 2021 and acceded to Partner in January 2022.

## How to Invest

Details of how to invest in the VT Teviot UK Smaller Companies Fund are available from our website: [www.teviotpartners.com](http://www.teviotpartners.com)

Application forms and other supporting documents are also available at:

[www.valu-trac.com/teviot](http://www.valu-trac.com/teviot)

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## Important Information / Risk Warnings

This fund invests in smaller companies and carries a higher degree of risk than funds investing in larger companies. The shares of smaller companies may be less liquid and their performance more volatile over shorter time periods. The fund can also invest in smaller companies listed on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) which also carry the risk described above.

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